

MEET YOUR PARTNER, THE CHURCH OF BANGLADESH



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH THE Church of Bangladesh

By supporting your partner in Bangladesh, you are helping fund authentic programmes that make a real, tangible difference by meeting the needs of those in the Church's own community.

Here, you can read about the amazing ways in which your kind donations are being used by the Church of Bangladesh.

The Bollobhpur Hospital programme

Bollobhpur Hospital is a small 65-bed village hospital situated in an undeveloped border area of Bangladesh. It caters for the health needs of people living in the heavily populated villages stretching to the border with India three miles away.

Muslims, Hindus and Christians alike all use and appreciate the health care services the hospital provides.

Bollobhpur Hospital runs a three-year junior nurse/midwifery training course for women and



an eighteen-month laboratory technician training course for men. The hospital takes in 16 to 18 trainee nurses twice a year. Students for these courses come mostly from rural communities, of which an estimated 35% of people live below the poverty line. Those who complete the training very quickly find good, stable, well-paid employment once they have done so. With this, they can support their families and help their younger siblings acquire an education. Bollobhpur trained nurses and laboratory technicians work in government service, private clinics and hospitals, industrial and home nursing and in community health programmes all over Bangladesh.

The hospital also spearheads a community health programme consisting of four outstation village clinics and a team of six community health workers who visit the villages in the areas surrounding the hospital. The clinics are staffed by experienced midwives who were all trained at the hospital, backed up by a team of student midwives on rotation during their training.

The Jobarpar Community Health programme

After Bangladesh gained its independence in 1971, the Church embarked on a mission to provide relief and rehabilitation activities. Out of this, the project now known as 'Shalom' was born, with the aim of eradicating poverty, hunger and slavery.

Jobarpar is a flood-prone area in the River Ganges delta; an area with widespread unemployment, poverty and malnutrition. This programme focuses on areas in Jobarpar where government response is limited, including five villages from two union councils (Bakal & Bagdha) under the Agailjhara sub-district. There are four main strands to the community health programme: community clinics, health awareness, hygienic latrines and an eye camp for the elderly.

Through the programme's community health awareness activities, many people are learning about healthy nutrition, good personal hygiene and how to take preventive action on primary diseases. A door-to-door service supports pregnant women by bringing antenatal and postnatal care to them at their homes. The mothers-to-be feel comfortable and secure and newborn babies are in good care.

Those with diabetes have also expressed their confidence in the healthcare they receive from the programme. The availability of essential low-cost medicine has been a great help to patients with fevers, colds, asthma or diarrhoea.



How to support your partner church

The Partners in Mission scheme allows you to support one of seven churches around the world in serving their local communities in the love of Jesus.

When you partner with a church, 100% of your donations go towards funding these vital programmes, making an incredible difference to local communities.

If you've joined as a church, here are some options for how to support your partner:

- Make one-off donations through your
 <u>Partners in Mission Hub</u>
- Set up a <u>Direct Debit</u>
- Or alternatively, individuals in the congregation may like to support by setting up their own <u>Direct Debits</u>

If you're an individual, we welcome you to support by setting up a <u>Direct Debit</u>, whether you are part of a church who has become a partner or you're supporting independently.

If appropriate we'd be grateful if you could tick the Gift Aid box, as this helps your donation go even further towards meeting the important needs of local communities.

Getting to know your partner

We'll send you regular updates about the impact your donations are having, including prayer requests and the latest stories about the fantastic work being done by your partner.

If you have become a partner as a church, you can also invite a USPG speaker to visit, and you can find lots of resources to share with your congregation on your <u>Partners in</u> <u>Mission hub</u>.

Resources

You can find posters, content for your social media, information booklets and lots more, all on your bespoke <u>Partners in Mission hub</u>.

Making a donation

Individuals are encouraged to set up a Direct Debit either <u>online</u> or by filling out one of our <u>forms</u>. For other donations:

- Online: <u>https://partners-in-mission-bangladesh.raisely.com</u>
- BACS: Please get in touch with us on the details below to arrange a bank transfer
- Cheque: Make cheques payable to USPG and include a covering letter stating who it is from, that is for Partners in Mission, and which partner you're supporting
- Phone: Call +44 (0)20 7921 2200 to make a card donation over the phone

Further information

For more details of any of our programmes, please visit our website **www.uspg.org.uk**

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